

Rev. H. S. Gorham and Some 19th Century Records

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THE DIARY, SELECTED ENTRIES

The entries given below I have chosen as being representative but perhaps somewhat biased towards rarity and by personal opinion. Many captures would appear to be unrecorded, and others when quoted by other authors differ in point of fact or detail. I have also tried to put across something of the "flavour" of the journal, and atmosphere of the Victorian entomological world, a time when transport as we known it today and take it for granted was not available.

Date	Entry No.	
1869		
April	12	From E. C. Rye, one <i>Acylophorous glabricollis</i> captured on Barnes Common, April.
	13	From E. W. Janson, three <i>Bitoma crenata</i> , one <i>Helophorus intermedius</i> .
	14 ¹	Wimbledon Common, <i>Paederus caligatus</i> , <i>Tachyporus transversalis</i> , one <i>Stenol. dorsalis</i> .
May 13th	19	Bagot Park,— out of old oak, one <i>Bat. venustus</i> , one <i>Cis fuscatus</i> , one <i>Omal. pusillum</i> . <i>In garden</i> , <i>Oc. brunnipes</i> .
June 29th	29	Found one <i>Leptinus testaceus</i> ⁵ in Bees' nest in the Church yard, note its activity.
30th	„	Found one more, and saw another which retired into the nest.
July 2nd	31	Nimrod caught one <i>Leptinus</i> in the Bees' nest and saw two others.
3rd	„	Got two <i>Leptinus</i> about half past eight in the same Bees' nest. They hide in the loose [?] litter near the mouth of nest.
4th	32	Nimrod brought two <i>Leptinus</i> and two black <i>T. flavilabris</i> from Hoarcross.
5th		Dug out Bees' nest, <i>Bombus pratorum</i> , found many <i>Leptinus testaceus</i> (about 50) ⁵ , two <i>Antherophagus pallens</i> , <i>Cryptophagus</i> , two <i>setulosus</i> , one <i>saginat</i> , one <i>Epurea aestiva</i> ⁶ .
July 20th	37	Bournemouth, 16 <i>Serica brunnea</i> drowned in sea among detritus.
August	46	From Llewellyn, four <i>Trichius fasciatus</i> , North, South Wales ⁷ .
1870		
March 8th	8	Examined rubbish from Bees' nest 32.69, found two <i>Leptinus</i> , three <i>Epurea melina</i> .
March 31st	12	Beyond Crystal Palace on sallows Dor. [? <i>Dorytomus</i>]. Cutting up rushes, one <i>Quedius maurorufus</i> , <i>Brad. distinctus</i> .
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4. See Fowler 1888, 2: 323, Gorham found three further specimens at Wimbledon April 15th, 1870. *Stenol.* = *Stenolophus*, i.e. *Acupalpus dorsalis* (Fab.).

5. See Fowler 1889, 3:93.

6. *Epuraea aestiva*, see Fowler 1889, 3:228.

7. See Fowler 1890, 4:61.

- 8 Agathidium semimaculatum, 1 Liodes lunulatus
 19 Filix - El. pusillo. 1 Beech bark -
 1 Homalium planum, 4 Bitoma crenata
 1 Acalles gibberus also Phloeochorus subtilissimus
 N.B. This is new to Britain
 perhaps Acalles quercus Sch.

- 24 In cellae 1 Pristonychia trivulva, Carabus violaceus
 13 .. do 2 Pristonychia, 1 Car. nemoralis ♂
 In quiden, cut-grass & Phil. discoides. Frog.
 12 25 Brockenhurst toward Beacon & Lady Cross Shaft & Champin
 1 Grammoptera arata, 4 Pogonocherus pilosus
 near Denny? in decaying beech. 6 Eucnemis capucinus!
 also Shaft & Champin got Mont. New to Britain
 15 26 Chaudley Ford, at Pit on London Road Dem. do. do.
Stenus luteipes
 Chalk pit, Polyommatus albus, 1 Caridula shlovi
Baculus cisti
 at Juyford, wet meadows. Oodes, 1 El. virginiana.
Don. sagittariae ♂.

			In hayrick rubbish, <i>Sunius angustatus</i> abundant, neglectus also abundant.
April 1st	„		<i>Atomaria sericoderus</i> , <i>Crypt. pilosus</i> ?, <i>Dromius obscuroguttatus</i> abundant, <i>Micraspis 12 punctata</i> , profusion, <i>Corticaria</i> .
	6th	14	Hampstead, four <i>Aphodius testudinarius</i> , two <i>Hetaerius sesquicornis</i> ⁸ , one <i>Atemeles</i> , one <i>Myr. limbata</i> .
May 3rd		20	Lewisham Loam Pit, two <i>Bem. 5-striatum</i> .
		28	Pool near Stonehams Farm, one <i>Bem. sturmi</i> ⁹ , <i>Stenus incrassatus</i> , <i>plancus</i> , <i>Platys. cornutus</i> .
	30th	31	Went to pool near Stonehams Farm, <i>Bembidion quadripustulatum</i> ¹⁰ , new to Britain. On the way, <i>Pachyta collaris</i> , <i>Ceuthor. inaeffectatus</i> .
June 1st	„		Went to pool near Stonehams Farm, one <i>Saprinus virescens</i> , <i>Stenus incrassatus</i> , <i>Bembidion bistriatum</i> , <i>Stenus picipennis</i> , on <i>Cochleria Phaedon armoriciae</i> . In wood <i>Polydrusus flavipes</i> .
	7th	36	Pool near Stoneham's, wind north, somewhat cloudy, on the way, <i>Dasytes flavipes</i> , <i>Pachyta collaris</i> common, <i>Tel. oralis</i> (three), <i>Rh. fuscicornis</i> . At pool, <i>Deleaster dichrous</i> (one), <i>Bem. quadripustulatum</i> , <i>Stenus incrassatus</i> . Stream below pool, <i>Grapt. consobrina</i> , <i>Cionus blattariae</i> common and <i>hortanulus</i> . On the hills, one <i>Orchestes pratensis</i> , <i>Th. anchusae</i> .
	11th		Went to Stoneham's pool, five <i>Bemb. 4pustulatum</i> .
	13th		Went to Stoneham's pool, ? <i>Bem. 4pustulatum</i> , <i>Donacia sagittariae</i> . On the way, <i>P. collaris</i> , <i>Grapt. consobrina</i> , one <i>Mordella fasciata</i> .
July 9th		51	Banks of stream near Otham on <i>Spiraea</i> 60 [crossed through] 74 <i>Cercus pedicularis</i> [crossed through], <i>bipustulatus</i> pale specimens.
	20th	58	Sweeping 7 o'clock to 8.30, damp copse near road, <i>Anisotoma calcarata</i> (small ♀), one <i>calcarata</i> , <i>Col. dentipes</i> , one <i>Catops</i> .

8. See Janson in *Entomologist's Annual* for 1857, p. 77. "Found by myself at Hampstead, in nests of *Formica flava* and *fusca*, beneath stones on a loamy hedge-bank having a western aspect, in 1848 and again in 1856, where I repeatedly and assiduously searched for it during the intervening years, but without success." On page 92, in his "Observations on the Myrmecophilous Coleoptera" is a short passage worthy of inclusion here, if only to show what may be achieved by hard work in the field. "And if after a long day's search, weary and perhaps disappointed at not having found *Hetaerius*, let him not, I entreat, churlishly destroy the homes of the unoffending ants, and with them all chance of future success—the morrow may prove more propitious; this I can assure him, the simple plan just described is one I have invariably pursued, vainly day after day for seven years it is true, but at length successfully."
9. Previous entry dated May 24th. See Fowler, 1887, 1: 107, and Allen, 1965. Gorham has thus captured *Bembidion octomaculatum* in three localities, Stoneham's Farm, near Bearstead, May 1870; near Love Groves, May 24th, 1872; and Hookland, May 24th, 1874.
10. See Fowler, 1887, 1: 114.

August 10th	66	In Gore Court, one <i>Laemophloeus bimaculatus</i> on stump of felled tree (Wych Elm?), one <i>Euplectus</i> . Near sand pit, Ware Street, three <i>Apion meliloti</i> , two <i>Crep. modeeri</i> .
23rd	71	At Hastings, two <i>Harp. rubripes</i> green vars. <i>Sit. puncticollis</i> .
26th		Sweeping in damp copse, one <i>Anis. calcarata</i> .
	72	Dried stream near Snorkhurst [Snarkhurst], 13 <i>Agabus frontalis</i> , two <i>Hydroporus memnonius</i> .
Next entry, number	73	number 73, is dated August 27th, thus the <i>Agabus</i> were captured on August 26th.
August 26th	84	In moss, one <i>Phloiophilus edwardsi</i> , one <i>Bythinus bulbifer</i> . Sand Pits Hd.
November 2nd	86	Searched in vain for <i>Phloiophilus</i> , under bark of oak bough, one <i>D. 4signatus</i> , in fungi <i>Bol. exoletus</i> .
1871		
May 30th	43	With Power, Banks of Len., one <i>Amphotis</i> (in nest), three <i>Bembidion</i> , <i>4pustulatum</i> ¹¹ , <i>Bem. bruxellense</i> .
June 6th		Before breakfast sought for <i>4pustulatum</i> without success.
17th	50	Fungi on old stumps. <i>Bolitochara lucida</i> ¹² in great numbers, took 50, <i>Triplax ruscica</i> , <i>Mycetoph. multipunctatum</i> , <i>Epurae limbata</i> , <i>Engis</i> and <i>Ips 4pustulatus</i> were in profusion. Sent box to Scott.
October 16th	85	From R. Lawson, one <i>Bol. lunulata</i> , one <i>Oc. latipennis</i> , one <i>T. saliciti</i> .
17th	86	From E. A. Waterhouse — one <i>H. servus</i> , four <i>Ag. nigripennis</i> , five <i>Heterothops praevius</i> .
26th	87	From Power, six <i>Sphindus</i> , five <i>Tychius pygmaeus</i> , three <i>Rhin. bruchoides</i> , two <i>L. dissimilis</i> , four <i>Lypus cylindrus</i> , four <i>Monanthia</i> .
27th		From J. R. Hardy, two <i>C. viduatus</i> , four <i>C. distinguendum</i> .
November 4th	„	From C. O. Waterhouse, two <i>Cincindella sylvatica</i> .
16th	89	From D. Sharp, one <i>Dendrophagus crenatus</i> .
—	90	From Fred Smith, two <i>Meloe rugosus</i> , four <i>Ceuth. resedae</i> , one <i>Ceuth. melanostictus</i> , six <i>Tychius lineatus</i> .
21st	91	From G. C. Champion, nine <i>Apion Limonii</i> , three <i>Sybynes arenariae</i> <i>Tomovia biguttata</i> , two <i>Hydaticus hybneri</i> .
December 29th	93	Sir. H. Meux's one broken <i>Elater balteatus</i> .
30th	94	Clayhill, <i>Cossus</i> infested elm, a young tree. One <i>Cryptarcha imperialis</i> , two <i>C. strigata</i> , one <i>Rhyn. concinus</i> .
1872		
January 1	1	Clayhill, Enfield, <i>Cossus</i> tree, three <i>Cryptarcha strigata</i> , three <i>C. imperialis</i> , two <i>Litargus bifasciatus</i> , one <i>Baris lepidii</i> , several <i>Hypodphloeus bicolor</i> .
		One <i>imperialis</i> , two <i>strigata</i> .

11. The River Len flows through Bearstead.

12. See Fowler, 1888, 2: 168 (Sandwich).

13. See Fowler, 1891, 5: 98.